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## SEABOARD LOCALS.

**Deaths of Rev. Paul Bowers and Mrs. Odom—Early Closing—Cotton Planting—General News.**

Mr. Russell Harris and wife spent the past Sabbath afternoon in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reese, Garysburg. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Browne spent Sunday afternoon here with her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Bradley. The happy bridal trip of young couple was abruptly ended by the sickness of the relief operator at Henderson. They spent Sunday night in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Gumberry and left Monday for their future home, Henderson, followed by the good wishes of a host of admiring friends.

We were incorrectly informed about the approaching exercises of Seaboard State High School commencement and stated in our letter of last week that the graduating exercises Thursday A. M., May 8th, would begin at 11 o'clock. Prof. Ware requests us to say that 10 o'clock will mark the beginning of the day's program. We hope our readers will take notice and be on hand promptly at 10 o'clock A. M. as not one can afford to miss a single number of the interesting program that has been carefully prepared for their enjoyment.

Several of our citizens drove over to Jackson Sunday afternoon to attend the burial of Mrs. Margaret Odom, one of the oldest citizens of our county, having lived to the ripe old age of 73. Mrs. Odom was an every day Christian, a woman of strong faith and a believer in prayer. The summons found her ready. She died a triumphant death and leaves to her bereaved daughters, Mesdames Ben Gay, Jennie Barrow, and Miss Maggie Odom, a rich heritage. Her race was well run, her work is ended, but her good deeds will live on, while she rests in that home prepared for the faithful. To the bereaved we extend sincerest condolence and pray they may follow the example set by their sainted mother, and meet her "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

Mr. Willie Foster, after a few day's visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, left at the close of the week for his home, Princeton, W. Va.

Cotton planting being about over in this vicinity, our farmers are now paying their respects to the peanut crop. The weather is still quite variable, one day it is warm as June, the next cold enough for overcoats and fires. With the advent of May we hope for rain and warmer weather.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Jno. D. Pope more feeble than usual. Her niece, Mrs. Jno. Vincent, Portsmouth, is expected to come and remain with her until her condition is improved.

Mrs. R. M. Maddrey and little sons, Gordon and Crocker, returned Monday morning from a pleasant visit to her brother, Mr. Grover T. Stephenson, Franklin, Va.

Rev. M. Y. Self filled his 4th. Sunday evening appointment with his M. E. church here the past Sunday. He announced the meeting of the Epworth League next Sunday evening and invited everybody to attend.

We owe our young friend, Mr. Payne Gay, an apology for failing to number him, last week, among the list of graduates at the approaching commencement. The error was, in no way intentional, on the other hand we feel

sure no other member of the graduating class has made as many sacrifices as Payne to win the honor that soon will be accorded the class of 1913. Payne resides some eight miles from here and during the four years of his school life has seldom been tardy, regardless of the weather. Not only has he been prompt, but his faithfulness in the preparation of his studies has been an inspiration to his teachers. We predict for this bright young graduate a successful future.

The Seaboard second nine are exulting over defeating the Jackson second nine in a game of ball on the former's diamond the past Saturday. The score stood 15 for Seaboard against 10 for Jackson.

After May first, until Sept. first all stores and business houses here will close promptly at 8 o'clock P. M. except Saturday. Some will doubtless think this rule a hardship on the laboring men who work all day and come to town at night to do their shopping, but there are two sides to every question. The merchant who opens his place of business at 6 o'clock and closes at 8 has been on duty 14 long hours. He needs the rest and rightfully petitioned for it. We are glad such an arrangement has been made and hope all classes will be benefited thereby.

Mesdames Peter Spencer and Will Moffit, Emporia, Va., were welcome guests the past week of their sister, Mrs. M. F. Long, and other relatives in the vicinity.

The shocking news of the death of Rev. Paul Bowers was received here last Thursday afternoon. It is hard yet to realize that we will meet his genial smile no more on earth. He was sick only a few days, was taken to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, for an operation for appendicitis and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection, following the operation, which had been too long delayed. Death had no fears for him, he knew in whom he had believed and was willing to die for his Master had need of him. He talked to his wife and relatives of his death as cheerfully as if going away on a visit and said several times "it is all right." He was an exceedingly pious youth and grew in this Christian grace as the years came and went. Why one so young, so useful and so good should be snatched from the arms of a devoted wife and three bright little girls, we do not know but God knows. His sister, Mrs. Green F. Gay, our dear friend and neighbor, has told us that he felt his call to preach the gospel when only 12 years of age. Since that time he has faithfully worked by precept and example to save those with whom he came in contact. He was especially interested in the salvation of the young people and when he saw how lightly they received his warnings, his great, loving heart would melt with love for them and his eyes overflow with tears. His life work has ended, but the sermons he preached, the prayers he made and the consecrated life he lived will live on. He leaves to mourn their loss a heart broken wife, three little girls, an aged father, five devoted sisters and a brother. To these distressed friends we offer sincerest sympathy. God will heal your wounded hearts and you will meet Paul in that beautiful home about which he so much loved to preach.

Friends of Mr. J. E. Moyler, Franklin, Va., will sympathize with him in the death of his oldest son, William, last Tuesday. Mr. Moyler has travelled this county as a shoe drummer for many years and has many warm friends to whom this announcement will bring deep sorrow.

## FROM JACKSON.

**Death of Mrs. Margaret Odom—Recital by Miss Oldham—School Commencement.**

The people of Jackson and the surrounding community will be treated with a recital given by Miss Sallie P. Oldham, graduate of Meredith College of Elocution, Raleigh, N. C., on the evening of the 1st of May at 8 o'clock. Miss Oldham has many recommendations from prominent people of the state and her rendition of the works of James Whitcomb Riley has brought many favorable comments from many of the papers of this and other States. All who desire an hour of fun, recreation and entertainment cannot afford to miss this last attraction that will be given this season. Refreshments will be served during the program. Tickets will be on sale at Lister's drug store. Admission 15, 20 and 25 cents.

The commencement exercises of the Jackson Grad School will begin on Wednesday evening, May 7, at eight o'clock. The exercises on that evening will consist of Declamations and Recitations from representatives of the literary society, and music by members of the music class. Gold medals will be given to the successful participants and hence there exists a great deal of friendly rivalry between them. On Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock the chief part of the program will be given. The address will be delivered by Dr. H. W. Chase, of the Department of Education of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Chase is a man of rare ability as an educator and has contributed largely to improvement of the state school in recent years. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and a Ph. D. man from Clark University. He has specialized in the Philosophy of Education and Educational Psychology and he is recognized in the South as an authority in his line of study. Possibly there is no man in the State who is doing more for the education of the youth than is Dr. Chase and this rare opportunity of hearing him speak should be seized by every one in the community who is interested in the school work. In the afternoon a ball game will be played and the lovers of this sport will have the pleasure of seeing a clean, good game of ball. Jackson hopes to have a game with Rich Square. The game will begin about four o'clock. The concluding part of the program will be given on Thursday night, the 8th., with a cantata, dialogue, drills and Tableaux. This promises to be the most entertaining part of the entire commencement and all the patrons of the school are urgently requested to be present.

Mrs. Margaret Odom, relict of the late Noah R. Odom, and a most estimable lady, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. S. Gay, with whom she had lived for several years, Saturday at the advanced age of 79. Mrs. Odom was a daughter of Newet Grant and the last of a family of six children. Her brothers were Henry T. Grant, who was Sheriff of the county for a number of years, Hon. James W. Grant, one of the most beloved men of the county during his life and who held many positions of trust and honor, such as County Commissioner, Chairman of the County Board of Education and member of the Legislature. Another brother, Joseph Grant, went to

Tennessee. Her sisters were Mrs. Jesse Flythe, Mrs. Alanson Capehart, and Mrs. William J. Capehart of Roxobel who died last year. Mrs. Odom's funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. North of the Methodist church.

## Woodland News.

Quarterly meeting was held at the Methodist church here last Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Bumpas was with his people, and preached a very helpful sermon to a large congregation.

Rev. C. W. Scarborough of Murfreesboro spent last Thursday night with Mr. A. P. Griffin. While here he visited some of his friends who were delighted to see him. It is a great pleasure to the people of this place to have this good man in their midst.

Mrs. L. C. Copeland spent a few days in Rich Square the first of the week, and attended the commencement.

Mr. Jno. Parker of near Murfreesboro visited Mrs. W. F. Benhall Sunday.

The majority of the people of this town were greatly surprised last Thursday when the news was spread around that Miss Lillie Cook, our splendid telephone central, had left on the 12:30 train for Norfolk, where she was married to Mr. Donnie Traylor. Miss Cook is greatly missed, but we wish for her nothing but happiness through life.

Mrs. W. O. Futrell was suddenly called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Etheridge of Norfolk, last Friday. We learn that her illness is not so serious as was reported.

Mrs. Laura Blanchard of St. Johns is spending a while with friends and relatives here.

Many of Mr. C. W. Parker's close friends were here Sunday to show their tender sympathy for him in his sufferings.

The High School commencement will begin here next Tuesday night the 6th at 8 o'clock. The exercises on this night will consist of dialogues, drills, music and recitations. Wednesday morning the 7th at 11 o'clock, the Honorable T. W. Bickett, our Attorney General, will address the people. We feel that we were fortunate in securing such an orator. His address will be worth coming a long way to hear. There will be a public dinner on the grounds. An effort will be made by the good women to serve this dinner to everybody present. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the class exercises will begin. This class consists of eight bright girls, and one boy. Mr. Roy Griffin was chosen Salutatorian, Miss Hannah Holloman, Historian; Miss Maggie Futrell, Poetess; Miss Inez Benhall will read the Prophecy of the Class, and Miss Sibyl Harrell is the Valedictorian. Misses Mary Ella Copeland, Pauline Outland, Jessie Griffin and Lillian Carter have essays that will be well worth hearing. At 8 o'clock Wednesday night there will be a Recital of plays, pantomimes, tableaux and drills. Music of all kinds will be had throughout the commencement. Everybody is invited to come. Some of our people attended the Rich Square commencement and reported it very good. Miss Jessie Blanchard returned Tuesday from Jacksonville, N. C. where she has been teaching music the past session. Miss Ruth Boyette is out of town visiting this week.

Hoax—Money used to go farther than it does now.

Joax—Yes, but it didn't go so fast.—Philadelphia Record.

## GREAT COAL RESERVES.

**Twelve Billion Tons Estimated Amount in Four Fields in Colorado.**

When the total production of coal in the United States, great as it is, is compared with the known tonnage in the ground it sinks into relative insignificance. Thus, four recently described coal fields in Colorado are estimated by the United States Geological Survey to contain more than 12 billion short tons of coal, or three-fourths of the total amount of coal that has been mined and lost through mining processes in the United States since the beginning of the industry. These are known as the coal fields of the Grand Mesa and the West Elk Mountains, Colorado, and are discussed by Willis T. Lee in Bulletin 510, just issued by the United States Geological Survey. These fields constitute parts of the Uinta coal region, in Rocky Mountain province, and lie partly in west-central Colorado and partly in eastern Utah. The part of the bulletin is divided into four more or less distinct fields, called Grand Mesa, Floresta, Mount Carbon, and Crested Butte.

The investigations described in the bulletin extended over a period of three years and were made for the purpose of ascertaining the geologic relations of the coal-bearing rocks to other formations, of classifying the land by legal subdivisions as coal land and noncoal land, and of determining the value of the coal land by ascertaining the thickness of the coal beds, the character and quality of the coal, its accessibility with reference to topographic features, and its location with reference to lines of transportation.

Because of the uncertainty in many places as to the number of coal beds and the still greater uncertainty as to their variations in thickness, no close estimate can be made of the quantity of coal in the fields. However, a computation based on moderate estimates of thickness gives 12,178,214,000 short tons as the amount of recoverable coal in the Grand Mesa and West Elk Mountain fields.

A copy of Bulletin 510 can be had on application to the Director of the Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

## Significant Lines.

The other Sunday evening, when church service was over, a young minister started on his journey home, accompanied by two young ladies of the choir, when they began a conversation about hymns.

"What is your favorite hymn?" asked the curate, turning to one of his fair companions.

"Draw me nearer," she replied, not thinking of the double meaning.

At that moment her companion who was walking on the other side of the curate, to make matters worse, said, innocently: "That is only the chorus; the commencement of the verse is, 'I am thine.'"

At that the curate laughed heartily and the ladies are always very careful now when they are talking about hymns—Ex.

First Woman—I hate for people to be always whispering.

Second Ditto—Yes, it is much harder to understand what they are saying to each other.—Chicago Record-Herald.